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TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

This communication is in response to a Notice of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 mailed on March 2, 2003 (the "Notice"), a response to which is due no later than May 2, 2005. Thus, this paper is being timely filed.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS
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REMARKS

Applicants submit this paper in response to a Notice of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 mailed on March 2, 2003 (the "Notice"). In the Notice, the PTO identified the following deficiencies with the subject application:

1. Additional claim fees of \$150 plus multiple dependent claim feed required; and
2. Oath or declaration required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

Filed herewith is a Preliminary Amendment by which applicants eliminate multiple dependent claims and this reduce the total number of claims in the present application to 19. Consequently, additional claim fees are no longer required. Also filed herewith is an executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

Applicants thus respectfully submit that this paper is fully responsive to the Notice and timely filed. Although no fees are believed due in connection with this paper, applicants hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-1666.


Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the undersigned agent of applicant.

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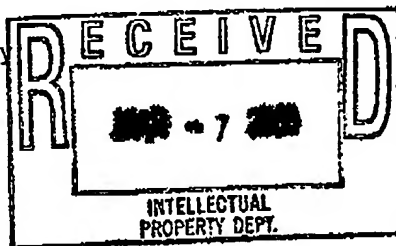
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/13/2004
- English Translation of the IA filed on 10/13/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/13/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/13/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 10/13/2004

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RESPONSE DUE: 5/2/05
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$150 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and International filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$150 for a Large Entity:

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 150
 - \$150 for 3 total claims over 20.

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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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